

Hunting for Hidden Treasures of WI and MN
October 2nd—7th, 2011

Our fall SDRTA bus trips have been so much fun that we've planned another for Oct. 2-7, 2011 to western Wisconsin and the Twin Cities. Recent trips have uncovered some different places we'd love to share with you. We'll see trees, trees, trees decked out in their fall colors as we travel into the woods of WI and MN.

First we'll travel along I-90 to LaCrosse, WI, for two nights. A retired teacher and his artist wife will share their home area which has **round barns** and **Amish** neighbors. The dairy industry is so important to Wisconsin that we must sample some of their products. Continuing the SDRTA theme of celebrating our cultural harmony, we will visit an area of **Norwegian heritage** and eat at Norskedalen (Norwegian Valley) as well as at an **Irish Pub**.

The **Mississippi Explorer** is rescheduled (after the 2010 flood problems) to take us from LaCrosse into the backwaters to check for eagles and other wildlife plus teach us more about the health of the river. A visit to the **National Eagle Center** in Wabasha, MN and to **Elmers Auto and Toy Museum** will follow.

Then it's off to the Twin Cities for three nights in Eagan. We plan to view **Caponi Art Park** and **Bob Lutz's backyard railroad hobby** while there. We've booked the **Old Time Medicine Show** to entertain us on the **MN Centennial Showboat** and the play "Everybody Loves Opal" at the **Old Log Theater** in Excelsior. The **Ramsey County Courthouse** is an Art-Deco style treasure with 23 varieties of wood used throughout. We'll also make brief visits to the **Mall of America** and to the **MN Landscape Arboretum** to see changes since our 2004 visits.

We hope to meet up with **swing dancers** and **big band music** at the **Wabasha Street Caves** from the gangster/prohibition era in Saint Paul. A stop for apples and treats en route home will also be scheduled.

We can hardly wait to create some wonderful memories with South Dakota friends on this adventure: Please consider joining us for this opportunity before another SD winter.

This SDRTA Fall tour departs at 12:00 pm from **Sioux Falls Sunday, October 2, 2011** and will return early afternoon on Friday, October 7th. Cost per person for SDRTA members (non-members will need to add \$30) is \$715 based on double occupancy. This includes transportation, 5 nights lodging, 5 breakfasts, 4 lunches & 5 dinners, all admissions, taxes, and fees. An itinerary will be sent to participants in early September.

This tour will be capped at 50. Reservations will be accepted on a first paid basis. **A deposit of \$50/person must be received by Friday, Aug. 5, 2011 with the remainder due by Friday, Sept 2, 2011.** Checks should be made out to the Watertown Area Retired Teachers Association (WARTA) and mailed to Pat Johnson, 1226 East Kemp, Watertown, SD 57201.

If you have questions you can call or email Pat Johnson at 886-8756, email sdpjohnson@mac.com; or Annette Belkonen at 882-5937.

Registration for the SDRTA fall 2011 trip
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Name: _____ Phone: _____ email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ zip: _____

Name of emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

I have enclosed a check for \$50/per person to hold my reservation and understand that I will need to send a check for the remainder by Sept. 2nd, 2011

All rooms are no smoking rooms with 2 beds.

If double occupancy, please indicate with whom you will be rooming: _____

_____ Please check if you would prefer a single room.